



Rockingham County  
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



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## President's Corner

Here we are at the start of another new year already. Hopefully everyone had a Merry Christmas and their new year is off to a great start.

I am happy to say it looks like another exciting year for us. George and Lamarr have already started working on putting together this year's swap-fest. I am betting we will be asked to help out with the MS walk, Gears & Cheers, and Ride Rock bike rides. Let's not forget the VE team who puts together the ARES net and participates in some drills.

I am excited to be the RCARC club president this year and I am looking forward to working with all of you. They left some big shoes to fill (as did all of the outgoing officers) but we are up for the challenge.

Thanks to each one of you for making the club the success that it is.

73's

Mike 3 WA3RFE

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*From the editor : Any and all submissions are welcome.*

*Bill Scott w4six 73*



Rockingham County is a member of the National Weather Service in Blacksburg, Va. Skywarn Weather Spotters (and all amateur radio operators) encountering severe weather, are encouraged to monitor, and make reports to the net control on 147.03 repeater. When; “Watchers or Warnings” require net activation. The 146.85 and 147.345 repeaters will be programmed to state; “SEVERE WEATHER ALERTS”. The 147.03 repeater is one of several the Blacksburg office will activate when severe weather requires gathering weather reports from our county.

## NOAA WEATHER RADIO BANDS

### CHANNELS FREQUENCIES

162.400	WXL42	WINSTON SALEM NWS PIEDMONT AREA
162.475	WXL60	BLACKSBURG NWS ROCKINGHAM CO.
162.550	WXL58	RALEIGH NWS PIEDMONT & CENTRAL NC

A Nation-wide network of radio stations broadcasts continuous weather information from nearby NWS offices. You can get weather 24 hours a day. NOAA weather radios are the best way to receive warnings from the National Weather Service. It’s best to have a battery backup and SAME ( Specific Area Message Encoder) that will alert you when a watch or warning is issued for Rockingham County. Complete information at NOAA’s website [www.weather.gov/nwr/](http://www.weather.gov/nwr/)

## EVENTS

### **RCARC MONTHLY MEETING**

The Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the American Red Cross building located at 3692 NC Hwy. 14, south of Eden. The meeting starts at 7:00PM and everyone is welcome. Any changes in the date or time will be announced on the scheduled Monday night RCARC 2 meter net. **Next meeting is January 18, 2011.**

### **JANUARY’S SOCIAL**

RCARC had it’s January Social at the Sirloin House in Eden January 8, 2011, with 23 attendees. Everyone enjoyed the food, the fun, and many conversations. See pictures on page 4. More later.

### **THURSDAY’S BREAKFAST**

Gathering between 7:10AM and 7:30AM every Thursday at Chaney’s in Reidsville. Come join the conversations and food. Last one to arrive.....PAYS! Ha! Ha!

## AREA NETS

**Monday 8:00PM Southside 2 meter net 146.700MHz 107.2 tone**

The Virginia Southside net meeting is held each week. Quite a few of our members check into this net who are up in Virginia. The repeater should be accessible to most of us. It is used to provide net business and for announcements. Let's support our neighbors up

**Monday 8:30PM RCARC 2 meter net 146.850MHz 103.5 tone**

This club net is a weekly meeting for announcements, business, and comments. We will use 147.345 MHz 103.5 tone if the 146.850 is unavailable. Please make it a priority to check into our net. Jamey, K4RVJ, and Mike, KD4CSJ, are looking to fill empty NCS slots. Thanks for your help.

**Tuesday 8:00PM 440 rag-chew net 443.975MHz no tone**

This net meets each Tuesday night except the third Tuesday of each month due to the regular scheduled RCARC club meeting. (NOT RCARC affiliated.)

Sunday 8:30pm	Southern Alamance Net	146.670 no tone
Sunday 9:00pm	Greensboro News & Info Net	145.150 100 tone
Sunday 9:30pm	Central NC Traffic Net	146.820 no tone
Monday 8:00pm	Randolph County Net	147.255 no tone
Tuesday 8:00pm	Burlington ARES Net	146.670 no tone
Tuesday 8:30pm	Triad Skywarn Net	147.255 no tone
Wednesday 8:00pm	Roanoke Amateur Club Net	146.255 no tone
Wednesday 8:30pm	Forsyth County ARES Net	145.470 100 tone
Wednesday 8:45pm	Greensboro Amateur Society Net	145.250 88.5 tone
Thursday 9:00pm	Guilford County ARES Net	145.150 no tone

### Daily Nets

5:30am	Possum Trot Net	147.225 no tone
2:30pm	Vag-A-Bon Net	145.470 100 tone
7:30pm	Tarheel Emergency Net (ARES)	3.923 lsb

## COMMUTE BUNCH

On the 147.345 repeater, every weekday, mobiles get together and ragchew on the way to work. Also, the Thursday morning breakfast group joins in making more fun for the group. Some base stations join the commute bunch to wish them a good day at work and just to say good morning. Try us between 6:30am and 7:30am.

## VEC TESTING

The regularly scheduled VEC testing is held each odd numbered month. Go to the Eden branch of the Rockingham County Library at 598 S. Pierce St., Eden, NC. Registration begins at 9am, testing starts at 9:30. Be sure to read what is needed from our website link : [www.rcarc.com/vesched.html](http://www.rcarc.com/vesched.html). including the fee. NEXT TEST SESSION - JANUARY 29, 2011.

*January social at the Sirloin House*



**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2010**

PLACE : RED CROSS BUILDING, HWY. 14, REIDSVILLE,N.C. TIME: 7:00PM.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ,TREY, W4SH.

MINUTES OF MEETING NOVEMBER 16, READ BY VICE PRESIDENT,MIKE,WA3RFE. VOTED AND PASSED AS READ.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 18 NO GUEST PRESENT

**TREASURER'S REPORT** READ BY PRESIDENT, TREY, W4SH: 11-17-2010 THROUGH 12-21-2010

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2,168.75	BALANCE SHEET	
INCOME: DUES	125.00	1-17-2010 THROUGH	12-21-2010
TOTAL INCOME	125.00	ALL ACCOUNTS	
EXPENSES: JAMEY NIXON	70.00	ASSETS:	
FLOWERS FOR PHIL SMITH		CASH & BANK ACCOUNT	
NEW BALANCE:	\$2,223.71	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$1,111.03
CAPITAL ACCOUNT:	\$1,111.03	GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$2,223.71
LIABILITIES & EQUITY :		TOTAL CASH & BANK ACCOUNTS:	\$3,334.74
LIABILITIES : \$0.00		TOTAL ASSETS:	\$3,334.74
EQUITY \$3,334.74			
TOTAL LIBILTIES & EQUITY:	\$3,334.74		

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

TECHINAL REPORT BY TREY,W4SH

THE WIND IS CAUSES TROUBLE ON 85 MACHINE. MIKE, WA3RFE SAID APRS REPEATER DOWN, RHE HARD DRIVE DISK CRASHED HOPE IT WILL BE BACK UP SOON.

ARES: MIKE,WA3RFE

MEETING WITH JOHNNY BOLTEN,BE A BIG DRILL IN APRIL WITH HOSPITAL. SOME SHELTER MIKE,WA3RFE TO BE OPEN ALSO. NEED ALL MEMBERS TO GET NEMS COURES DONE AND SENT COPIES TO MIKE ,WA3RFE IS THE CORRATORER FOR ARES DIRIST 9 PLUS ALSO YOU WILL NEED TO ON CLUB WEB SITE GET APPLICATION & FILL OUT AND SEND TO MIKE MANSFIELD,WA3RFE. JAMEY NIXON HAS GOT 3 COURSES DONE. WE NEED SKYWEARNING PERSONS TO SIGN UP, ALSO.

HISTORIAN: PAUL PATTERSON NOTHING TO REPORT

PUBLICITY: PAT PATTERSON, N4SLP PASSED AWAY NOVEMBER 26,2010.

WE NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER THIS PROGRAM. YOU MAY LET CLUB IN JANUARY MEETING IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE POSITION.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

RUSS IS ALSO ON BUDGET COMMITTEE.

PASS OUT INTVORY FORMS. PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN AT JANUARY MEETING SO WE WILL KNOW WHO HAS WHAT CLUB EQUIPMENT .

PAUL HAS DONATED PAT DUES TO CLUB, SO PLEASE THANK PAUL FOR THIS DEED.

WE ARE SORRY FOR PASSING OF PAT PATTERSON,N4SLP OUR TREASUER AND CLUB MEMBER. SHE DID A LOT FOR CLUB. WE WILL MISS HER.

JAMEY WILL GIVE THE BUDGET REPORT NEXT MONTH.

WE HAD OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER AT SIRLION HOUSE DEC.4,2010. HAD A GREAT TIME. YOU MISS A GOOD TIME WITH ALL OUR MEMBERS AND GREAT FOOD.

HAVING A SOCIAL ON JANUARY 8,2011, AT THE SIRLION HOUSE IN EDEN AT 6. BE GLAD FOR EVERYONE TO JOIN US EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT A CLUB MEMBER BUT YOU CAN BE A CLUB MEMBER. WE MEET ON 3rd TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT RED CROSS BUILDING IN REIDSVILLE . WELCOME ALL NEW OFFICERS FOR 2011.

THANKS TO ALL 2010 OFFICERS FOR GREAT JOB DONE FOR LAST TWO YEARS.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

SOCIAL AT SIRLION HOUSE JANUARY 8, 2011 AT 6.

PLEASE PAY YOUR CLUB DUES.THEY ARE DUE BY JANUARY 31.2011.

WE ALL NEED TO E-MAIL OUR SELVES ONCE A MONTH SO YOU STAY ON CLUB WEB-SITE. ALL THIS WORK ON WEB-SITE IS DONE BY DAL,W4YQY, WHICH IS A LOT OF WORK . WE THANK YOU FOR ALL UP-DATES YOU DO FOR THE CLUB.

DAL, W4YQY WOULD LIKE ANYONE IN CLUB TO SEND HIM PICTURES OF YOUR SELF AND HAM SHACK TO BE PUT ON WEB-SIDE AND WRITE UP BY YOU.

HAD A DRAWING OF TWO MEMBERS PRESENT TO GET SERA REPEATER JOURNAL FOR FREE FOR ONE YEAR BILL SCOTT, W4SIX, AND CAM McINTIRE, KU4VY WERE OUR WINNERS.

SWAPT-FEST: GEORGE, WN4LTY, SAID WE HAVE PERMISSION TO USE CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH AGAIN THIS YEAR FOR OUR HAM FEST ON MAY 14, 2011. ADVANCE TICKETS WILL BE \$4.00. TICKETS AT GATE \$5.00

TIME 8 A.M TO 12 P.M. LaMARR NEESE, WB4VVY, ALSO HELPS GEORGE, WN4LTY, TO ORGANIZE THE FEST. THANK YOU BOTH FOR JOB WELL DONE. GEORGE ALSO SENDS AD TO BE PUT IN SERA ABOUT SWAP-FEST.

**PROGRAM:** ANGIE, KJ4WRE, WITH HELP OF TIM, WD4GXD, BUILD A DIPOLE ANTENNA FOR HER RADIO AT HOME. TIM SAID SHE LIKES TO BUILD THINGS, SHE DID GREAT JOB, NOW ALL NEED TO BE DONE IS TO PUT COAX CABLE ON AND HOOK IT UP, NEED TO BE PAINTED. NOW, WE ALL NEED TO GO TO HER HOUSE AND SEE HOW GOOD IT LOOKS UP.

**MEETING ADJOURN:** 7:40 P.M. BY JAMEY NIXION, LET'S ALL EAT.

THANKS TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS FOR BRINGING SNACKS FOR OUR LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR. HOPE EVERYONE HAS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:** PEGGY BREWER, KJ4ANA  
SECRETARY OF RCARC

**ITEMS FOR SALE**  
( PHIL'S ESTATE)

PYRAMID POWER SUPPLY	PS-52KX	\$ 150
ASTRON POWER SUPPLY	RS-35A	100
KENWOOD HF + 6M TX/RX	TS-570S	900
KENWOOD HF TRANSCEIVER	TS-440S	400
KENWOOD SPEAKER	SP-23	45
KENWOOD DESK MIC	MC-80	75
ICOM 2M FM TRANSCEIVER	IC-V8000	125
ICOM 2M/440 DUALBAND TXCVR	IC-2720H	250
RADIO SHACK HANDHELD SCANNER		50
HEIL GOLDLINE MIC AND STAND	GOLDLINE	75
MFJ ANTENNA TUNER	MFJ-949C	70
DIAMOND SWR/PWR METER	SX-200	45
HF +6M+2M VERTICAL ANTENNA	MFJ-1798	75
ROHN TOWER (40FT,3SECT+ TOP)	ROHN	75
6M BEAM ANTENNA		20
HAMMARLUND RECEIVER	HQ-110A	50
DRAKE SSB TRANSCEIVER	TR3	50
PARA DYNAMICS POWER METER	PDC-700	40
RADIO SHACK SPEAKER		10
DIAMOND SWR METER	SX40C	25
MFJ DC OUTLET STRIP	MRJ-1118	50

Contact George Brewer, WN4LTY at [wn4lty@rcarc.com](mailto:wn4lty@rcarc.com) or 336.635.1261

**FYI : WX Conditions** **What is Black Ice?**

A WX term not frequently heard in this area is "black ice". This refers to a thin layer of glazed ice covering asphalt roads making them appear clear instead of dangerously slippery. This icy condition was responsible for hundreds of auto "fender benders" in the triad area during the numerous snow and ice storms. PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!